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JOIN THE FUN

We've bought our tickets for the Moonlight Cruise on July 24 and so have lots of other people. If you haven't gotten yours you'd better make a bee line for your contact officer before she's all sold out. (If you don't know who your contact officer is, call ext. 3105).

We're all pepped up over an evening on the river outside of steaming Washington. Jack Corry's band will be there with popular dance tunes and the Agriculture Players will be found performing in several locations on the boat. There will be a fortune teller with bits of wisdom to give you. A group of wandering minstrels will add to the fun and a good quartet will sing barbershop melodies. A dancing act, or two will be part of the program and in addition to all this, the Players have a few surprises in the bag which they wouldn't reveal ahead of time.

If your husband or sweetheart can't go with you get a group of girls together and join in the fun. This is a Department party, not a cruise for couples.

Remember July 24, at 8:30 p. m. on the S. S. Potomac from 7th and Maine Ave. It's going to be FUN.

BUY BONDS!

The Fifth War Loan Drive in the Department is still in progress and your pennies and dollars are still needed to finish the War and bring back our boys. As we go to press the Department is just 2/3 of the way up the ladder, and by July 31, we want to be over the top. Let's invest all we possibly can in bonds. We all know the many personal advantages in investing in bonds, but most important of all our money is used to buy equipment for our friends and relatives on the battle fronts. They need equipment to save their lives which they are risking for us. We certainly can invest our money in War Bonds to bring them back sooner. If you have already bought one Bond, look into your finances and see if you can't get just one more.

INVEST ALL YOU CAN FOR VICTORY.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

The following meritorious promotions have been approved since July 1:

Felice M. Orsine, cartographic engineer at Spartanburg, S. C., for devotion of time and energy far beyond the call of duty to the cartographic work; employment and training of draftsmen with limited experience; and development of highest state of efficiency and performance which brought about the designation of his Cartographic Division as the office for final editing of foreign maps prepared by all S.C.S. regions for use by the War Department.

Lawrence F. Sengenberger, fiscal accountant, F.S.A., Denver, Colo., for devising new and improved procedures resulting in savings in manpower and money in conducting the work of his unit. New and untrained employees were successfully trained, resulting in meeting deadlines in accomplishing work of the unit and in carrying additional work loads.

CONCERTS

The Starlight Concerts at Meridian Hill Park, 16th and W Sts., N. W., are going full swing. They are given each Saturday and Sunday evening at 8:30 p. m. Tickets may be obtained at Cappel's Concert Bureau, 1300 G St., or at the Park.

The next concert, July 22 and 23, will be music of Old and New Russia by The Siberian Singers, a great male chorus. Watch the bulletin boards for up-to-date announcements. These evenings of music are especially planned for Washington's war workers.

AGRICULTURE BRIDGE LEAGUE

The Agriculture Bridge League completed its 15th season June 28. The purpose of the League is to provide employees of the Department an opportunity to play bridge in a congenial atmosphere. To reward skill or luck, whichever it is, the winner at each game gets a small prize. And the winner for the season is custodian of the McDonnell Cup, contributed by Dr. C. C. McDonnell of WDA. Mrs. James Lazard, holder of the cup last year, was again winner this year.

The League meets twice monthly at the house of Mrs. D. C. Stephan, 1355 Euclid St., N. W. There will be no games during July and August. Notices will be issued at the beginning of next season. If you like to play bridge, watch for the announcement. For information, call Frank J. Hallauer, Ext. 2808, or Helen Cooper, Ext. 3164.

FOLLOW-UP

Did you return your empty coca cola and soft drink bottles as we suggested in the last issue? Maybe you don't know that the lower drawer in the right hand file cabinet has a half a dozen bottles in it. How about taking a look through the file cabinets and desk drawers. Your next-door neighbor might need a file cabinet just the size you're using to store your coke bottles in, so won't you clean it out and release it for official use. Remember, too, that the Welfare Association's allotment of cokes is based on the number returned.

YOUTH HOSTELS

The American Youth Hostels, Inc., 472 Indiana Ave., N. W., issues each month a schedule of evening activities, Sunday trips, overnight weekend trips, and vacation trips. All trip applicants must hold 1944 A. Y. H. passes which may be obtained at the Hostel's Office for a small charge.

There are farm work trips and horseback riding every Sunday. There are evening bicycle rides and lessons every Thursday at 6:00 p. m. There will be a bike repair class on July 27, at 8:00 p. m. at the Hostel's office.

July 19 and 27, at 8:15 p. m., there is square dancing on the roof Garden of the Jewish Community Center. Small charge.

Sunday, July 23, Rock Climbing trip on Herzog's Island. Leave end of Cabin John car line at 9:30 a. m. Bring your lunch and drink.

On the same day, there will be an all day bike trip to Potomac, Md. Leave Georgetown side of Key Bridge at 10:00 a. m. Swimming at the end of the trail.

On July 30, a bicycle trip to McLean, Va. Leave Rosslyn street car terminal at 1:30 p. m.

A horseback trip to Laurel, Md., on July 30. Meet at information booth, Greyhound Terminal, 8:45 a. m. Reservations required.

A vacation bike trip from July 24-31 will cover the Horseshoe Trail area, Philadelphia to Harrisburg. \$30.00 for the trip.

There will be a bike trip August 4-12, thru West Virginia,

Northwest Maryland and Potomac Valley. Approximate cost \$25.00.

For reservations and information, call Ex. 3500.

AMERICAN LEGION--AGRICULTURE POST

At the regular meeting on July 11, 1944, it was announced that the membership total was now 173% of our quota. In view of the present standing of the 40 posts in the District of Columbia, this will give the Post the cup for first place in the membership drive.

Based on the above membership, it was possible to elect 8 delegates to attend the Department Convention at the Hotel Mayflower on July 27, 28, and 29.

The names of officers for the coming year were placed in nomination with election to take place at the September meeting.

THE NATIONAL SYLVAN THEATRE

The Sylvan Theatre has opened its summer season on the Monument Grounds. Some of the coming programs are the Army Air Forces Band on July 19 and 26 and August 2, 9, 23, 30. The Navy Band will play August 15 and the Marine Band will play July 27 and August 10 and 24. On August 27, the program will be given by the Navy School of Music. All programs at 8:30 p. m.

Bring your own cushion or collapsible chair and enjoy the cool breezes on the Monument grounds.

July 21, 8:30 p. m., Gladys Swarthout will sing at the Watergate. tickets at Kitt's, 1330 G. St.

FOR WASHINGTON'S SIGHTSEERS

The Capitol will be open to Government employees and War workers on Sunday afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30, through August 27. Some identification as a Government or War worker is required for admittance. Admission will be free, but guide service will be available for a small fee.

The Capitol has been closed for several years and there are many here in the Department who haven't seen it, so take advantage of this opportunity. Get there early so you'll be sure to get inside.

AMERICAN BATTLE ART

The American people hate war as only a people to whom peace is full of promise and hope can hate it. Nevertheless the American people have fought seven wars during their six generations, and the history of their battles is a great and moving history. An exhibition of the drawings and photographs which record those battles may be seen in the North Gallery of the Library of Congress, Second Floor, through Labor Day. A related exhibit of American battle paintings may be seen at the National Gallery of Art.

SEWING NOTES

The American Women's Volunteer Service is planning an evening sewing course with supervised instruction to be given this fall. Emphasis will be placed on making over garments. Sewing machines will be available. Watch the Bulletin for further details.

TRANSPORTATIONWant Rides

Miss Bernert, 4505 - 1st St., S. E.,
Ext. 5012

Miss Desmond, 3130 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Ext. 2662

Want Riders

Mrs. Morrison, 23 S. Fairhaven St.,
Alexandria, Va. Ext. 2819

Want Rotater

Mr. Adcock, 2817 S. Columbus St.
Fairlington, Ext. 2758

Mr. Chapline, 3802 Albermarle, N.W.
Ext. 3648

CHILD DAY CARE

Two Extended School Service Units for children between 6 and 14 of working mothers will open in Prince George's Co. on August 1. One unit will open at Calvert Homes and will service the Hyattsville, Riverdale, University Park, and College Park areas, and the other unit will be at Greenbelt. Hours will be 7:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. A hot well-balanced meal will be served the children and cots will be furnished for rest.

To enroll your child, call Miss Lucile Lewis, Director of Child Care Centers, at Union 2119.

All Child Care Centers and Extended School Service Units in Prince George's Co. are under the supervision of the Board of Education and are financed with Lanham Act Funds.
